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Last week, new officers Patricia Harris and Joshua Cardenas officially joined the Westland Police Department.
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Northville expands downtown social district

Downtown Northville may become an even more popular entertainment venue as members of the city council agreed to expand the social district.

In addition, council members agreed to provide letters of support for efforts of six local establishments seeking special state licensing to sell alcoholic beverages that can be consumed in the social district.

If approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the expanded social district would extend west along Main Street to the Garage Grill and Fuel Bar, south of Main on the east side of Wing Street to Cady, east on Cady

Council members revised a map presented by Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward.

to Center, and north from Cady to Main - essentially enclosing the block that contains Northville Square and MainCentre.

Council members revised a map presented by Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward, which initially showed the social district extending along Wing Street past the Garage restaurant/bar to

Dunlap, and including the northwest corner of Dunlap and Center, home to the American Legion Hall, a tax-exempt organization. Council members removed those sections of the proposed expansion, heeding concerns of residents who spoke against having the social district abutting residential neighborhoods.

Restaurants/bars eligible to apply for an additional liquor license as part of an expanded social district include the Garage, Lava Grille of Northville, Northville Sports Den, Tirami Su, Great White Buffalo Brewing Co. and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The motion allows drinks in cups featuring "The Twist" logo, purchased from participating businesses, to be consumed on the sidewalks along those newly added streets as well as in the original social district. No additional street closures were included in the district expansion.

Fired up Local stations host visitors this week

Throughout the area this week, local fire stations are welcoming visitors in an effort to promote fire safety and celebrate national Fire Prevention Week set for Oct. 9 through 15.

The theme of the event this year is Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape, a effort to reinforce the importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly. The year marks the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, the longest-running public health observance on record.

"This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign capitalizes on its milestone anniversary, celebrating all we've accomplished in reducing the public's risk to fire over the past hundred years," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Outreach and Advocacy division.

According to NFPA data, home - the place people feel safest from fire - is actually where they are at greatest risk, with three-quarters (74 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths occurring in homes. When a home fire does occur, it's more likely to be serious; people are more likely to die in a home fire today than they were in 1980.

"Today's homes burn faster and hotter than they used to, minimizing the amount of time they have to escape safely," said Carli. "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as two minutes to get out from the time the smoke alarm sounds." Developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly ensures that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and uses that time wisely, she added.

Key safety measures include making sure the home escape plan meets the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.



Fire safety experts noted that smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of homes. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. Family members should know at least two ways out of every room, if possible and all doors and windows should open easily.

Family members should all be aware of an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet after evacuation of the house. A home fire drill should be practiced at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night, authorities advised.

IN CANTON:

The Canton Township Fire Department has scheduled the annual Fire Station Open House from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Fire Station #1, 1100 S. Canton Center Road. The open house will include station tours, a fire vehicle display, and live demonstrations of the department extrication equipment ("jaws of life").

There is a scavenger hunt planned for young visitors who can also try on fire gear and experience the Fire Safety House.

Light refreshments and giveaways will be provided.

For more information, call the Canton Fire Department office at (734) 394-5455.

CITY of NORTHVILLE, PLYMOUTH

Northville City Fire Department firefighters will be available to the public to teach fire safety, answer questions, and show visitors the different vehicles and equipment that firefighters use during an open house at Station 1 at 215 Main St. in Northville and Station 2 at 201 S. Main St. in Plymouth from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Saturday open house will also feature the department Great Escape program, created by the National Fire Protection Agency to educate children and their families about developing a home escape plan in case of a fire.

"We are reaching out to children and their families during Fire Prevention Week to put the Great Escape program plans into action," said Fire Chief Matt Samhat. "When used correctly, it helps save lives."

In cooperation with local schools, parents of elementary school children will receive a grid and instructions that show

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Westland man is accused of child pornography

Federal investigators have filed a criminal complaint alleging a Westland man produced, received, and possessed child pornography.

Christopher Emond Curtis, 25, was named in the Sept. 29 complaint which claims he paid another Twitter user for nude photos of teenage boys and asked the user to trick other underage boys into sending similar sexually explicit or nude pictures. The complaint details an investigation which included the April 21, 2021 search of a home in Baltimore, Maryland occupied by a man who admitted to possessing and distributing sexually explicit photos of children over Twitter. The man told agents from the FBI that he

negotiated photo prices and sent links for payments using CashApps.

Investigators executed a search warrant of the suspect's Twitter account in July, 2021 and discovered messages from other users regarding the sale of nude or explicit photos of boys. One of those accounts was traced back to Curtis, according to the court filings. The messages also included conversations about "baiting" other specific young boys into sending more photos and suggested prices to purchase copies of those images. The boys specifically mentioned were 14 years old. The images of both boys meet the federal definition of child pornography, FBI agents said.

"Based on training and experience, internet users who bait others will often do so posing as a person the target may be interested in and entice them to produce nude or sexual images," an FBI special agent wrote in the criminal complaint. "Some users will ask or pay others who are more experienced to act on their behalf to entice targets to produce images for them."

When authorities requested the subscriber information for the suspect's Twitter account, they learned it had been deactivated. But the CashApp for user "theoneandonly" was traced back to Curtis, and his home address in Westland was identified, FBI officials said. Agents said they went to Curtis'

current home in Detroit to execute a search warrant on Sept. 28. They found a phone that belonged to Curtis and identified the CashApp payment made to Individual A, the criminal complaint says.

Investigators said Curtis has admitted to signing up for Twitter accounts, searching for naked boys, and having conversations with others to pay for or provide sexually explicit images of boys, court records show. He admitted to buying thousands of sexually explicit images and videos of children, officials said. Curtis admitted he had done this up until March 2022 and subsequently deleted his Twitter account in July, according to the court filings.

INKSTER - SUMPTER

Safety first Trustees move Halloween event into township hall

Halloween will be a bit different in Sumpter Township this year.

In response to information from Township Public Safety Director Eric Luke, members of the board of trustees have agreed to change the usual procedure for trick or treaters this year. Rather than the traditional Halloween Party at the township fire hall, this year youngsters of all ages will be invited to celebrate the spooky season at township hall where they can visit each office seeking special treats.

Luke explained that the usual service of passing an electronic wand over candy and treats to detect metal objects was no longer adequate. He explained to the board that in the changing times today, there are other dangers which can be included in a trick or treat bag. He noted that there are even dangerous chemicals which could pose a threat to children.

The treats will be offered on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31.

New video system OK'd

Sumpter Township residents will soon have access to a clearer picture of board of trustee meetings and other township functions.

Trustees agreed during the Sept. 27 meeting to accept a proposal from vendor CTI to replace and/ or upgrade the current video system utilized in the township. Trustees approved the upgrade at a cost of \$67,050 and also agreed to a separate four-year service agreement at a cost of \$15,090.56.

After extensive discussion of the current system and the upgrades proposed, Trustee Don LaPorte and Trustee Peggy Morgan voted against the proposal which was approved by a 5-2 vote.

Shooting suspect in custody

Police have arrested a man described as an “armed and dangerous” fugitive suspected in the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old Inkster resident in August.

Allen Marion, 18, was taken into custody without incident Sept. 25 by Michigan State Police. He is suspected in connection to the shooting of Elijah Steward at the 25 Hour Liquor store on Aug. 6. Witnesses told police that Steward was shot as he walked out of the store into the parking lot at around 11 p.m. Witnesses said the two appeared to have words before the shooting incident. Steward was pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting on Michigan Avenue in Inkster.

A man described as “an accomplice” in the shooting had turned himself in to authorities but police had issued a “be on the lookout” alert for Marion on Sept. 16, describing him as “armed and dangerous.”

Police said Marion will be arraigned on charges of second-degree murder, discharging a firearm into a building and felony firearm violations. Police said they believed he was being helped by other individuals during the time he was avoiding arrest, according to a prepared press release.



Allen Marion



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 22, 2022 Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #22-217** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstain - Webb **Motion Carried**
- B. **NO SPECIAL MEETINGS WERE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022.**

3. Petitioner

- A. **Res. #22-218** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the block party petition from Brandie Whalin for August 27, 2022, and the closing of California St. between Brandt St. and Oakbrook St. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #22-219** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the block party petition from Cortney Seal for September 4, 2022, and the closing of Sussex Dr. at Surrey Dr. and Canterbury Dr. at Concorde Dr. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

- Res. #22-220** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Frank Harris, Jr. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

- Res. #22-221** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution in recognition of the retirement of Captain Damian Hull. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Res. #22-222** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution in recognition of the retirement of Ginny Godell. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- A. **Res. #22-223** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and appoint Charles Lindenmuth as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on June 20, 2024. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. #22-224** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Kendra McCraight to the Romulus Beautification Committee and approve the reappointment of Chris Dunn, Taylor Johnson, Charles Lindenmuth, and Edna Talon-Jemison with terms to expire on June 2, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- C. **Res. #22-225** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and appoint Robert Mercier to the Romulus Housing Commission with a term to expire on February 26, 2026. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- D. **Res. #22-226** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the professional services agreement with Plante and Moran for a Water and Sewer Rate Study. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- E. **Res. #22-227** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and adopt the resolution in accordance with the GASB Statement number 54 to authorize the Director of Financial Services to indicate the City of Romulus' intent to assign fund balance for the specific purpose of the Veteran's Monument relocation in the amount \$58,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- F. **Res. #22-228** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and adopt Amendment #5 to the Water Service Contract between Great Lakes Water Authority and the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- G. **Res. #22-229** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 22/23-6 for additional funding needed for the two (2) additional full-time Laborers positions.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT FUND BALANCE	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
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101 General Fund

Fund Balance

101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$9,379,580.00	\$13,200.00	\$9,366,380
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Expense

101-265-702.000	Regular Wages	\$195,801.00	\$13,200.00	\$209,001.00
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226 Garbage

& Rubbish Collection

Fund

Fund Balance

226-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$1,215,493.00	\$13,200.00	\$1,202,293.00
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Expense

226-528-702.00	Regular Wages	\$52,429.00	\$13,200.00	\$65,629.00
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592 Water & Sewer

Fund

Fund Balance

592-000-395.000	Retained Earnings	\$406,479.00	\$13,600.00	\$392,879.00
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Expenses

592-590-702.000	Regular Wages	\$597,818.00	\$6,800.00	\$604,618.00
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592-591-702.000	Regular Wages	\$595,883.00	\$6,800.00	\$602,683.00
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Motion Carried Unanimously

- H. **Res. #22-230** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 22/23-7 to recognize grant revenue and corresponding expenditures related to grant award: Michigan Agriculture and Rural Development 2022 Animal Welfare #G622-2397.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT FUND BALANCE	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
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430 Animal Control

Revenue

101-430-539.000	Revenue	\$-	\$6,468.00	\$6,468.00
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Expense

101-430-730.00	Operating Supplies	\$-	\$6,468.00	\$6,468.00
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AWF22

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

- A. **Res. #22-231** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer – No Report

8. Public Comment – Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

9. Unfinished Business – None

10. New Business – None

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #22-231** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-16 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,363,860.36.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**

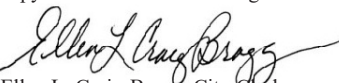
12. Communication – Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

13. Adjournment

- Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. **Motion Carried**

Councilperson Webb was not present for the roll-call vote.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 22, 2022.


Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 8, 2022

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Steven Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire Services & Emergency Management; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director; Maria Lambert - Director of Resident Services; Roger Kadau - CoDirector of Cable

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #22-208** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **NO SPECIAL MEETINGS WERE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022.**

3. Petitioner - NONE

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

- Res. #22-209** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a Resolution in recognition of Lucy Taylor on being crowned "Miss Amazing". **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

- A. **Res. #22-210** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreements for community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2023 fiscal year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. #22-211** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Third Amendment Lease agreement with Big Steve's Designz, LLC for the lease of 35255 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**

- C. **Res #22-212** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Bibbins and Goddard on Friday, August 19, 2022, from 4:30 pm - 11:00 pm, to allow for parking of classic cars on Hunt Street as part of the final summer 'Movie in the Park' community event. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- D. **Res. #22-213** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration for the extension of pricing from Bid ITB 20/21-05 with Davenport Masonry, Inc. for the repairs of the east elevation at Fire Station #4 in the amount of \$53,800 with a 10% contingency totaling \$5,380 for unforeseen necessary repairs. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- E. **Res. #22-214** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the settlement agreement with the property owner at 35425 Ecorse in the amount of \$377,175.69, with a 10% leverage to cover additional taxes in the event of a delay in closing. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Clerk Bragg thanked the residents, law enforcement personnel, city staff, and election workers for their participation and arduous work during the August 2, 2022, Primary Election.

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business - NONE

11. Warrant

- A. **Res #22-215** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #:22-15 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,148,446.46. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

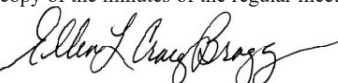
- B. **Res. 22-216** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant# 22-15E for checks presented in the amount of \$19,619.50. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Communication - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 8, 2022.


Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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ROMULUS

Romulus GM plant donates \$30,000 to charities

Three area nonprofit organizations will have something extra to be thankful at the holiday this year.

General Motors Romulus Propulsion Systems recently donated \$30,000 in Community Impact Grants to the groups to help support programming for residents in their communities. The GM Community Impact Grant program aims to address local issues in communities across the company footprint, specifically supporting focus areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education, vehicle and road safety, community development and climate equity, according to a statement from plant managers.

Decisions about which organizations will receive support are made at the local level. The 2022 Romulus-area grant recipients are moving the needle in the areas of STEM and community and workforce development. Starfish Family Services was awarded grant funds to support the Family Services Employment Assistance program. This program supports jobseekers by providing financial assistance with employment-related expenses, such as certifications, professional dress, training, and transportation to and from job interviews.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit - was selected to receive grant funds to help support programs to match youth with adult volunteers and mentors from the areas in the heart of Wayne County and south of Detroit. This will allow staff to connect with local schools with a one-to-one mentor program that puts the child's safety, support, and development first.

Ozone House Youth & Family Services will receive grant funds to support Ozone House WorkZone program. WorkZone provides employability training, paid internships, and intensive support services for young people experiencing homelessness, who might lack experience or face significant barriers to employment.

Dave Cavotta, Romulus plant director, announced the grants Oct. 1 at a family day event at the plant. Cavotta spoke on behalf of the local GM plant before being joined by GM colleagues, local



Dave Cavotta, Romulus plant director, was joined by GM colleagues, local UAW leadership members and representatives from Starfish Family Service, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit and Ozone House Youth & Family Services during the announcement of GM grants to the nonprofit organizations.

UAW leadership and representatives from the recipient organizations.

“The generosity of GM and our workforce in this community inspires me every day,” said Cavotta. “GM has been in this community for more than 46 years and we see the positive impact these local organizations can have when they have the resources to do so. Whether it’s an investment of time or money, we are committed to serving and growing with the greater Romulus community and all of the communities in which GM employees live and work.”

City is now officially named as ‘Redevelopment Ready’



Romulus city officials celebrate the achievement of the designation as a Redevelopment Ready Community by the Michigan Educational Development Corporation.

Romulus officials celebrated a milestone achievement recently when the city was certified as a Redevelopment Ready Community by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Mayor Robert McCraight noted that city representatives have worked closely with MEDC for several years to create a vision for the future and make sure the fundamental practices are in place to achieve the certification.

"We're dedicated to creating a thriving and vibrant Romulus for today and tomorrow," he said.

The certification program is designed to promote effective redevelopment strategies through a set of best practices, according to the MEDC website. The program measures and then certifies communities that integrate transparency, predictability and efficiency into daily development practices. The certification is a formal recognition that the community has a vision for the future - and the fundamental practices in place to get there.

To be vibrant and competitive, Michigan communities must be ready for development, according to the MEDC, including planning for new investment and reinvestment, identifying assets and opportunities, and focusing limited resources. Certified Redevelopment Ready Communities® attract and retain businesses, offer superior customer service and have a streamlined development approval process making pertinent information available around-the-clock for anyone to view.

Witches’ tickets available

Romulus Goodfellows are hosting a Witches Night Out in the community as an effort to help fund the annual No Child Without A Christmas campaign.

The event is set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 West Huron River Dr. Witch attire is highly recommended.

The cost for the event is \$30 per witch. For tickets or information, call (734) 322-7680 or access romulusgoodfellows@gmail.com.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire Services & Emergency Management

1. Agenda
A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes
A. Res. # 22-232 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously
B. No Special Meetings were held on Monday, August 22, 2022.

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
Res. # 22-233 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the settlement agreement proposed by city attorneys for Copeland v. City of Romulus.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays -Williams Motion Carried
A. Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor
A. Res. # 22-234 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Henry Ford Community College EMS Division Clinical Training Affiliation Agreement which will authorize Romulus Fire Department and Henry Ford Community College EMS Division to provide clinical training experience for Henry Ford Community College emergency medical technology students. Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
A. Res. # 22-235 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-6 in the amount of \$40,000.00 for additional funding needed for the two (2) additional full-time Laborers positions. Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Res. # 22-236 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-7 in the amount of \$6,468.00 to recognize grant revenue and corresponding expenditures related to grant award: Michigan Agriculture and Rural Development 2022 Animal Welfare #GG22-2397. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
Res. # 22-237 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adopt a memorial resolution for the husband of Kimberly Matthews. Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Public Comment - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

9. Unfinished Business - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

10. New Business - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

11. Communication - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

12. Adjournment
Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Motion Carried Unanimously
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 6, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Maria Farris - Finance Director

1. Agenda
A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes
A. Res. #22-238 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain: Roscoe Motion Carried
B. Res. #22-239 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss pending legal matters.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain: Roscoe Motion Carried

3. Petitioner - NONE

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem - See the Clerk's Office for a complete copy Minutes
Res. #22-240 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adopt a resolution acknowledging Paul and Theresa Golembiewski's 60th Wedding Anniversary. Motion Carried Unanimously.
A. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor
State Representative Alex Garza and State Senator Erica Geiss presented a check in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (one million) to Mayor McCraight and the City of Romulus for Walkways and Sidewalk projects.
Res. #22-241 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adopt resolutions for State Rep Alex Garza and State Senator Erika Geiss for their years of service to the residents of Romulus as State Legislative Representatives. Motion Carried Unanimously
A. Res. #22-242 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Plante & Moran, PLLC - Professional Services Agreement for assistance with creating a revised version of the City's chart of accounts in compliance with the State of Michigan Uniform Chart of Accounts Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Res. #22-243 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the Administration and authorize the Fiscal Year 21/22 encumbrances for capital outlay purchases and various city projects in the amount of \$3,095,314.40 to be rolled over in the FY 2022/2023 budget and paid accordingly. Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
A. Res. #22-244 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Virginia Williams to approve the Study Session Request from Human Resources for Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss employee matters. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - NONE

9. Unfinished Business - NONE

10. New Business - NONE

11. Warrant
A. Res. #22-245 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve Warrant #: 22-17 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,857,052.27. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Communication - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

13. Adjournment
Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:29 pm. Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 12, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Voters to choose 4 members of school board

Voters will choose four members of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education during the Nov. 8 balloting.

Two candidates are vying for the single, 2-year term of office while six others hope to fill one of the three, 6-year terms on the board.

Incumbent board member Patricia McCoin and Sebastien Ostertag are seeking the two-year term. McCoin earned her bachelor's degree in business administration at Eastern Michigan University and her master's degree at Wayne State University. She also has a graduate certificate from Western Michigan University and works as a middle school math, social studies and

ESL teacher with the Detroit Public Schools. Ostertag, 22, is a 2019 graduate of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. This is his second attempt to join the school board. He sought the office in 2020 and received 22,000 votes. He is attending Schoolcraft College pursuing a teaching degree and volunteers with human rights organizations including Right to Life Michigan.

The six candidates each vying for one of three 6-year terms on the board include current Board Vice President LaRonda Chastang and Amanda Krinke who taught in South Africa as part of a graduate program at Michigan State University. She has worked as a teacher in both public and charter schools and

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Members of the school board are responsible for establishing district educational policies.

she volunteers in the district where her children are attending classes.

Chastang, who has children attending district schools, serves as vice president of Diversity and Inclusion for Trinity Health in Livonia. She was appointed in March of 2021 to fill an unexpired term on the school board.

Also seeking a 6-year term are Nathan Morris, who is employed as an engineer in the automotive industry and as a mathematics tutor. He and his wife are the

parents of two young children. Sheryl Picard, who was also a candidate for the school board in 2020, now serves as an election precinct delegate is also seeking one of the three seats along with current board Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, who has worked as a teacher, tutor, education consultant, administrator and as a school board member. She claims experience in education policy, leadership, programs and strategic planning.

Sidhu was twice appointed by

the governor to serve on state educational advisory committees. She and her husband have one child attending school in the district.

Candidate Judith Westra is an information technology professional who earned her degree from the University of Maryland. She and her husband have two children and she volunteers at schools in the district and has experience with leading large projects and dealing with large diverse groups.

Members of the school board are responsible for establishing district educational policies, reviewing budgets and the hiring and supervision of district administrators, including the superintendent of schools.

Canton planning plenty of Halloween happenings

Canton Township is ready for Halloween with several activities for every member of the family to celebrate the season.

There are still a few openings for the popular Pumpkin Patch in the Pool set for Friday, Oct. 14, at the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center, which offers a fun twist on the tradition of pumpkin picking. Additional fun activities will also be available during the two timeslots: 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., where participants can hunt for the perfect pumpkin and then decorate it at one of the many decorating stations. Those registered and their families can enjoy apple cider, and doughnuts and the pool will be open immediately following the event. Participation fees are \$15 for Summit members, \$18 for Canton residents and \$23 for non-residents. Registration is only required for those planning on taking home a pumpkin. For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.summitonthepark.org.

The Canton Boo Bash for those ages 7 through 12 is planned for Saturday, Oct. 15. The event offers a safe and supervised Halloween party that will feature a costume contest, pizza dinner, and lots of spooky fun from 3-5 p.m., in the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Pre-registration is required. Fees are \$20 for Canton residents and \$26 for non-residents.

Registrations are also under way for the 21 and older crowd Monster Mash Halloween Party from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. This adult Halloween Party will feature a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest (must be pre-carved to enter),

games, cash bar, to the live soundtrack of Atomic Radio performing top 40 and Halloween hits. Tickets are now on sale for \$15 for Canton residents and \$20 for non-residents online at www.cantonvil-lagetheater.org, by calling (734) 394-5300.

The Trick or Treat Story Trail returns Thursday, Oct. 27. Join staff members from Canton Leisure Services, The Canton Public Library, and Canton Public Safety in Heritage Park for trick or treating along story trail from 4-9 p.m. Participants of all ages will enjoy the featured story. Pre-registration is required for all children regardless of age. Fees are \$10 per child for Canton residents and \$13 for non-residents. For additional information or to register, visit www.cantonfun.org/register.

The Village Arts Factory, in partnership with Canton Leisure Services, will offer a Kids Halloween Stroll from 5 until 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 with games, music, treats, decorations, and costumes. In addition, a sensory-friendly timeslot will take place from 5-6 p.m.

Trick or treaters will travel from studio to studio on their stroll visiting interactive stations located throughout the warehouse building, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road. This event is geared toward younger trick or treaters ages 12 and under, with non-frightening seasonal music and decorations. All participants are encouraged to wear costumes. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are \$5 and are available online at www.cantonfun.org.

Tickets for most of these spooktacular events are available at www.cantonfun.org/register. For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.



Various participants having some Halloween fun during Canton Leisure Services' events of the season.

PUBLIC HEARING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2023 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis
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NORTHVILLE

‘Max’ officially joins police force

After receiving nearly 600 name suggestions in four days, the new Northville Township Police Department support dog will be named...Max.

It's a fitting name for the 19-week-old male Goldendoodle. Max, of Latin origin, means "the greatest," officials said.

"We have had less than a week together but he's already the greatest little buddy our community could have," said Community Service Officer Andrew Domzalski, who is now Max's handler. The puppy accompanies him to work daily and heads home with him after hours. Name suggestions, which came in via email and social media were narrowed down to the top 10 favorites. After much discussion, police department members reduced the list to their top five favorites. That list was given to Domzalski who had the responsibility of choosing the new 'officer's' name, since he would be living with and training the puppy. Max became part of his family Sept. 27.

Possibilities on the short list included: Kevin, Max, Chase, Fozzy, Buddy and Teddy.

"Max suits him," Domzalski said. "He's the perfect dog for our community. Max is gentle with a calm temperament, making him a great fit for the job he'll be

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*We look forward
to introducing him
to our entire community.*
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doing. He naturally brings a smile to your face when you meet him.”

Max, who begins support dog training in November, will be responsible for providing comfort and aid for people during times of crisis, particularly violent or traumatic events. He will also be trained to reduce anxiety and increase communication between witnesses and investigators, whether they are adults or children. His job is to be an ambassador for community policing, officials said.



Max, the new therapy dog, makes himself at home at Northville Township Hall.

On his first day "on the job," Domzalski took Max to Winchester Elementary School and to Northville Township Hall. On day two, he welcomed students attending the Northville High School Everybody vs. Stigma Week in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month.

"We heard from so many people in our community and beyond, all with some excellent name ideas," said Northville Township Police Chief Scott Hilden. "We appreciate their creativity, their fun stories, their tributes. We look forward to introducing him to our entire community."

To learn more about the name choice, visit the announcement video at <https://www.facebook.com/TheNorthville>.



Max, the new Northville Township Police therapy dog, meets a very young admirer under the watchful eye of his new handler, Community Service Officer Andrew Domzalski.

Maybury Farm Corn Maze is now open for fall season

Autumn has officially arrived and with it the opening of popular Maybury Farm Corn Maze.

The 10-acre maze opened to the public last month and will continue to entertain and bewilder visitors until Oct. 30. This year, advance tickets will be available for the maze although, as usual, reservations are not required.

Maybury officials said the maze this year promises to be one of the best with 10 acres of thick, lush corn that features a brand-new design created by the

Ford IT Design Group. The design will present a challenge to adults and children both, a Maybury spokesman said, and will again this year include a scavenger hunt.

A 1-acre mini-maze, part of the 10-acre field, will take an estimated to 20 minutes to complete for those who are not brave enough for the larger challenge. Organizers said it will take about an hour to an hour and a half to complete the larger maze this year. For those looking for something even more challenging, the

maze can be even more difficult under moonlight. For those brave enough, the maze will be open until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays and until 7 p.m. on Sundays. The last wagon leaves for the maze about one hour before closing.

The maze is sponsored this year by Community Financial Credit Union, Blackwell Ford, and GEM Asset Management.

When visitors have found their way through the maze, they can visit the Maybury Farm General Store to enjoy fresh,

delicious Parmenter's cider and donuts, along with other treats and gifts available for purchase.

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open from 5 until 8 p.m. Fridays; from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sundays. Admission to the corn maze is \$13 per person and includes a tractor-drawn wagon ride to the maze, where visitors can enjoy the peace of the farm. Children younger than 2 are admitted at no cost. Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community

Foundation; this fundraiser helps raise funds to feed the animals and support the work of the farm. The mission of Maybury Farm is to connect the community to animals and agriculture.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, one-half mile west of Maybury State Park. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign do not enter the state park. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, visit www.mayburyfarm.org

Fire

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how their child can develop and draw their own home escape plan. On Oct. 15, families are encouraged to practice their fire escape plan. After that exercise is complete, the student and family members are invited to come to the fire station to review their plan with a firefighter and enter in a drawing for a chance to win a "Special Day with Firefighters." That evening, there will be activities including spraying a fire hose, doing an obstacle course and sitting inside

a fire truck. For more information, contact the fire department at (248) 449-9919.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

Members of the Sumpter Township Fire Department will be marking Fire Prevention Week with an open house at the fire station from noon until 3 p.m. Oct. 15. Visitors can tour the station, meet and greet fire department personnel and enjoy refreshments. The Sumpter Township Fire Station is located at 20550 Sumpter Road in Belleville.

CITY of WAYNE

Members of the City of Wayne Fire Department will host the Annual Pancake

Breakfast marking Fire Prevention Week from 9 a.m. until noon Oct. 15 at the fire station at 3300 S. Wayne Road.

As usual, there will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, three sausage links and coffee, juice or milk included with the \$8 cost for adults. Breakfasts for children 10 and

younger will be priced at \$5.

There will be raffles, door prizes and crafts for children along with other attractions, organizers said. All funds generated will be used for the non-profit fire education fund established by the Wayne firefighters.

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 OCTOBER 26, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Michigan International Technology Center Redevelopment Authority (MITC) Board of Directors on **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. The purpose of the hearing is to review and consider approval of the 2023 proposed operating budget.

All interested residents and taxpayers are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing. A copy of the 2023 proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Northville Township Clerk's office beginning October 19th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on the MITC website at www.mitc-usa.org.

Kurt Heise, MITC Chair/Plymouth Township Supervisor
Michigan International Technology Center Redevelopment Authority

Publish: October 19, 2022

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SYNOPSIS SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, October 6, 2022
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor Scott Frush, Trustee
Roger Lundberg, Clerk Mindy Hermann, Trustee
Jason Rhines, Treasurer Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee
Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1a. New Year's Eve Observance Closure – Approved

1. Behavioral Health Clinician – Approved

2. Budget Public Hearing
A. Public Hearing for 2023 Proposed Annual Budget – Opened & Conducted

3. Brief Public Comments: None

4. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on October 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2022 General Election is scheduled for **Monday, October 17, 2022 at 3pm** in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Roger Lundberg
Township Clerk

Publish: October 13, 2022

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR ZONING VARIANCE

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Meeting at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at:

**6:00 pm, Thursday
October 27, 2022**

regarding the request for the following variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Township is in receipt of an application requesting a Zoning Ordinance Variance to replace the damaged sign for a free-standing/ground sign within the C-1 local Commercial District.

SITE LOCATION

The site of the requested variance is 17441 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Meeting has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask question, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Published: The Eagle, October 13, 2022
Posted: October 3, 2022

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Wayne - Westland

Wayne voters asked for 8-mill tax hike

In addition to choosing three city council members, Wayne voters will be asked to approve a new 8-mill tax hike on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The new tax levy will be used to help fund the pension obligations of the city toward retired public safety employees, according to city officials. The new tax, which is \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation, usually half

the market value of a home, would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home in the city about \$400 annually.

City officials have stated that the pension obligations are too steep for the current tax revenue collected. They claim that nearly 40 percent of the city budget is paid into the pension fund. Officials claim that the city will owe another \$16 million into the

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The city is currently levying the maximum tax amount allowed by state law.

pension fund within the next two years and does not have a revenue base to make those payments. Currently, officials claim

“friendly” lawsuit which the city did not defend in 2020, the city was ordered by the court to levy 13 mills to pay the pension costs.

The city is currently levying the maximum tax amount allowed by state law and must have voter approval to increase taxes any further. Voters have rejected requests for increased millages from the city twice in past elections.



Patricia Harris

New officers join Westland

Last week, new officers Patricia Harris and Joshua Cardenas officially joined the Westland Police Department. Harris, who grew up in Brownstown Township, said she always wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement and finally decided to chase her dream in 2020 when she joined the Detroit Police Department where she served for two years before joining Westland. Cardenas was born and raised in the small west Michigan town

of Dorr; and obtained an associate's degree in applied sciences from Grand Rapids Community College, and is a graduate of the Grand Valley State University Police Academy. He started his law enforcement career in 2018 with Roosevelt Park and then Waterford Township. While in Waterford Township he was a field training officer, use of force instructor and an instructor in rifle, taser and firearms. Westland officials noted that currently all law enforcement

agencies are struggling to recruit and hire officers and there are simply more openings than interested candidates. “The city is very happy to be able to swear in two quality and experienced police officers to join the Westland Police Department which has nearly 56 years of tradition and a proud history which includes more than 300 men and women who have taken the oath to serve and protect our community,” they said.



Joshua Cardenas

Death of Wayne police therapy dog is mourned

Zeke, the first accredited therapy dog of the Wayne Police Department, died last week following a battle with cancer.

Members of the department and the community are mourning the loss of Zeke who had become a popular figure in the community, attending multiple city events and welcoming visitors to the police station. Police officials said that the positive impact Zeke had in the community and the department inspired several other local departments to invest in therapy dogs.

Zeke joined the department in

December of 2019 and quickly became an asset to the community and to officers who face stressful situations on a daily basis, officials said. All expenses for Zeke, including all training, dog supplies, veterinarian checks, membership to the therapy dog association, and other costs were paid personally by Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong.

In an announcement last week, posted on the Wayne Police Facebook page, the department expressed sentiments regarding the loss of their beloved companion.

“We deeply appreciate the community's support throughout Zeke's time at Wayne PD. The therapy dog program does not end with Zeke.

“Zeke has already inspired therapy dog programs at multiple other police departments. Zeke will not be the last therapy dog at Wayne PD.

“If anyone wishes to honor our friend Zeke's memory, please consider a donation to First Step. Their Ark program allows survivors of domestic and sexual assault to stay with their pets in a safe place,” the post concluded.



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